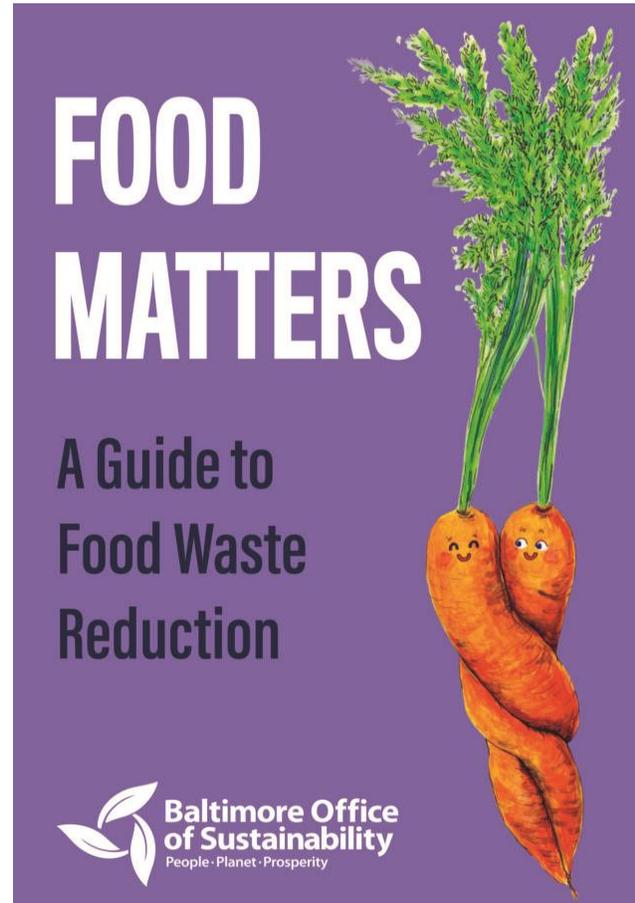


Baltimore City's "Food Matters" Initiative

- Food waste reduction program supported by Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- Began in 2018, born out of the Baltimore Food Waste and Recovery Strategy
- This program focuses on advancing food waste reduction, food rescue and food scrap recycling citywide

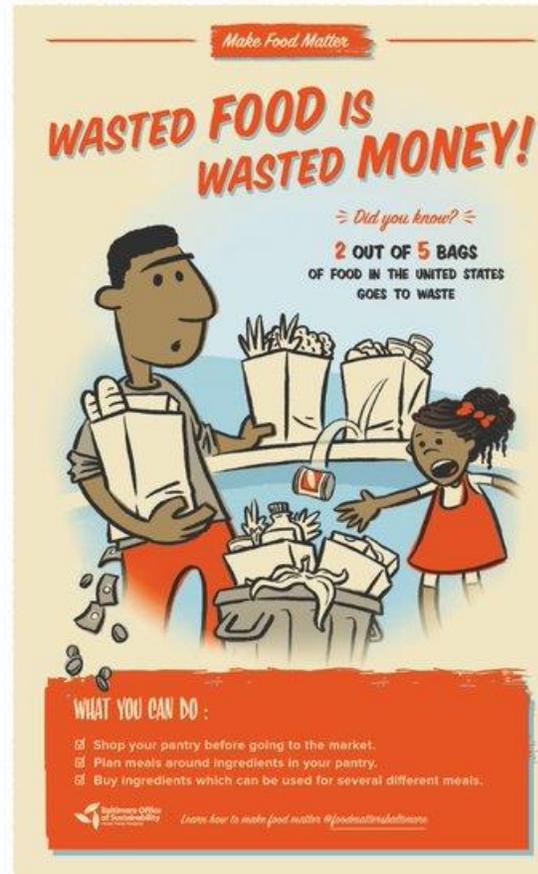
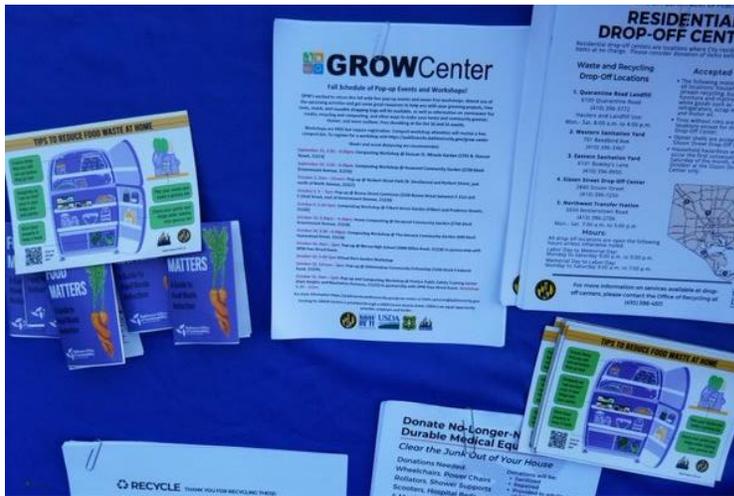


- Project Components Include:
 - Raising awareness of the importance of food waste reduction
 - Supporting food donation efforts
 - Providing opportunities for residents to compost
 - Baltimore Food Waste Reduction Working Group (BFWRWG)
 - Inter-agency food waste reduction meetings
 - Meetings with other cities working on food waste



Source Reduction

- Pocket Guides, posters, and magnets with tips on food waste reduction
- The Save the Food Campaign website gives residents many tools to reduce food waste at home, including meal planning, recipes, food storage, deciphering dates, and more.
<https://savethefood.com/>



Food Scrap Drop-Off Sites

- Food scrap drop-off stations are available Monday-Saturday at DPW's Residential Drop-Off Centers, and on Saturdays and Sundays at two farmers' markets.
- This service allows residents to drop off food scraps, which are then composted. In the case of the farmers' markets, they are also used for animal feed.



Backyard Composting Workshops

- Six workshops held in Fall 2021
- Partnered with local farms, gardens, and composters
- Residents who attended received a compost bin



How to Get Involved

- Use the information you learned today and share information with others!
- Volunteer at the Farmers' Market Drop-Off Sites
- Attend a compost workshop
- Share these helpful resources:
 - <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/foodscrapdrop-off>
 - <https://www.baltimoresustainability.org/projects/baltimore-food-matters-program>
 - <https://savethefood.com/>



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